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SUBJECT: ROSARIO PROPOSAL FOR DAHOMEAN OIL CONCESSION

REF: (A) MCNAMARA-WYGANTNLETTER OF MAY 8

(B) COTONOU 0722

1. FRENCH EMBASSY SOURCES TODAY INFORMED US THAT THEY HAD HEARD ROSARIO WAS ONLY COMPANY TO MAKE FIRM PRODUCTION PROPOSAL TO MRGD. OUR OWN INFORMATION INDICATES CONTINENTAL OIL ALSO MADE PROPOSAL, BUT THIS REPORT CORROBORATES EARLIER IMPRESSION REPORTED REFTEL THAT PEREIRA EXAGGERATED WHEN HE INFORMED CONOCO THEY WOULD BE 14TH OR 15TH TO SUBMIT PLAN. ALSO, THIS PUTS DIFFERENT LIGHT ON PEREIRA'S PRESENT VISIT TO PARIS.

2. HAVE ALSO LEARNED THAT NATIONAL ECONOMIC SEMINAR HAS BEEN DELAYED PENDING COMPLETION OF SIMILAR PROVINCE-LEVEL CONFERENCES NOW TAKING PLACE. THUS, DATE FOR FINAL AWARD

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OIL CONCESSION MAY BE FURTHER DELAYED.

3. FAGIN OF ROSARIO SHOULD BE BROUGHT UP TO DATE, AND
ENCOURAGED CONTACT MRGD TO INQUIRE ABOUT ANY PROGRESS
TOWARDS FINAL DECISION. THIS WOULD DEMONSTRATE CONTINUED
INTEREST IN PROJECT AND MIGHT PUT SOME ADDITIONAL PRESSURE
ON DECISION-MAKERS IN MRGD.
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